

# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Re: ACCESS Integrated Networks, Inc. ("ACCESS")

Dear Mr. Baxter:

We have received your letter of February 20, 2001 concerning ACCESS' assertions of BellSouth's OSS and performance failures during the transition of prospective customers from BellSouth to ACCESS. We recognize that such issues are pertinent to our review of BellSouth's application for Section 271 authority; however, BellSouth presently does not have any such application pending in Tennessee. Once BellSouth petitions for Section 271 authority, public notice will be given so that interested parties may appropriately participate in that proceeding.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Authority has recently established two dockets that touch on the issues raised in your letter. First, a docket has been opened to institute general performance measures and enforcement mechanisms for BellSouth to employ in its dealings with competing carriers. This proceeding has been assigned Docket No. 01-00193. Also, a docket has been opened to determine whether OSS testing should be conducted in Tennessee and, if so, to implement a suitable testing program. A docket number will be assigned to the OSS testing proceeding in the near future. You may contact Sharla Dillon at 615-741-2904, extension 136 to determine this docket number once it has been assigned. Additionally, you may visit the TRA Electronic File Room at [www.state.tn.us/tra](http://www.state.tn.us/tra) to follow the proceedings currently before the TRA.

All interested parties may participate in these proceedings by filing a petition to intervene in accordance with the TRA's rules of practice and procedure. We will keep your letter on file and consider it when evaluating BellSouth's OSS interfaces and procedures.

Sincerely,

K. David Waddell ✓  
Executive Secretary

cc: Sara Kyle  
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